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SUBJECT: ILO: THE JORDANIAN VIEW

DEPT PASS SECRETARY VANCE AND LABOR FOR SECRETARY MARSHALL AND
HOROWITZ

USUN FOR AMB YOUNG; COMMERCE FOR SECY KREPS; WHITE HOUSE FOR
BRZEZINSKI, JORDAN, WATSON, EIZENSTAT; USIA FOR REINHARDT;

IO FOR ASST SECY MAYNES, DEPUTY ASST SECY DALLEY AND ALLISON
PALMER; L FOR HANSELL; S/IL FOR GOOD; S/P FOR LAKE

1. FOR THOSE PREPARING THE OPTIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CONSIDER-
ATION, I SUBMIT A CONVERSATION THAT I HAD YESTERDAY WITH THE
JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR. DR. SADI IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL AND AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE ARAB BLOC
HERE. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEWPOINT THAT IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR
THE U.S. TO CHOOSE A NEGATIVE WAY OF RESOLVING A PROBLEM LIKE
THE ILO. HE COULD UNDERSTAND HIS OWN COUNTRY, JORDAN, THREATEN-
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ING WITHDRAWAL BECAUSE IT IS HIGHLY EMOTIONAL, UNCERTAIN OF ITS
PURPOSES, SMALL AND UNIMPORTANT, BUT THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE THE
LUXURY OF THESE LIABILITIES. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF THE U.S. MADE
A STAND IN THE ILO AND PREVAILED, ITS SUCCESS WOULD BE HELPFUL
IN MANY OTHER AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY.

2. HE FRANKLY STATED THAT THE ARABS ARE THE VILLAINS OF THE ILO

PROBLEM BUT THEY HAVE NO POLITICAL ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT TO USE EVERY FORUM TO CONTINUE THE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL REGARDING THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE U.S. MUST LEARN TO HANDLE THIS TACTIC, NOT BY BLOWING UP THE HOUSE BUT BY KEEPING SOME DOORS OPEN. HE SUGGESTED THAT MOST OF THE POSITIONS OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND MANY OTHER G-77 COUNTRIES FOR ILO CONFERENCES ARE "MADE IN GENEVA -- THEY ARE NOT HIGHPOWERED, CAREFULLY DELIBERATED DECISIONS FORMULATED IN OUR CAPITALS." HE SAID THAT THE KEY ARAB MINISTERS COME TO THE ILO CONFERENCE FOR A FEW DAYS "LIKE A CEREMONY" BUT THE ONLY THING THEY DISCUSS IS ISRAEL AND THE NEED FOR ARAB SOLIDARITY. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE STYLE OF COMMUNICATION WITH ARAB DIPLOMATS IS CRUCIAL, REFLECTING THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD IS NOT TOO SUCCESSFUL WITH THEM BECAUSE OF HIS "COLD SCANDINAVIAN STYLE".

3. HE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP IN ANY WAY AND WAS AWARE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS TO ASSIST IN THE ILO CRISIS BUT HE QUALIFIED THAT WE SHOULD NOT RELY TOO HEAVILY ON JORDAN BECAUSE ITS SYMPATHY WITH THE U.S. WAS WELL-KNOWN AND CAUSED THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS TO BE SOMEWHAT SUSPECT. HE URGED THE U.S. TO FIND A FORMULA TO STAY IN THE ILO AND CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE REAL ISSUE OF CREDIBILITY WAS WHETHER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD FIND WAYS TO RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE LDCS OR WHETHER IT WOULD CONTINUE "PREDECESSOR ATTITUDES" -- A THREATENING POSTURE OF THE 1975 LETTER BY WALKING OUT OF THE ILO "AT A TIME WHEN ITS OBJECTIVES ARE CLEARLY ATTAINABLE.."
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